Isaac Romero

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Education

Spring 2030 (expected)	**The University of Oklahoma** Ph.D., Sociology *Graduate Certificate*: Women's and Gender Studies
2025	**The University of Oklahoma** M.A., Sociology *Thesis:* "Voces Silenciadas, Mentes Resilientes: The Psychological Distress of Lifetime Adversities on Latine LGBQ+ Lives" *Committee:* Meredith Worthen (chair), Stephanie Burge, Ian Carrillo
2021	**The University of Texas at El Paso** B.A., Psychology

Research Interests

Jotería Studies, Chicano/a/e Methods, Queer Methods, Hispanic/Latin Cultural Constructs, Cultural Identity, Gender Identity, Queer Theory, Intersectionality

Publications

2023 Louden, J., Adair, R., **Romero, I.** & Rioja, V. (2023). "Mental health screens used in U.S. corrections settings: Evidence of fairness with Black and Latinx people." *Psychology, Crime & Law*DOI:10.1080/1068316X.2023.2206657

Encyclopedia Entries

2026 (forth.) **Romero, Isaac.** "Machismo." in *SAGE Crime and Gender Encyclopedia*

Works In Progress (Full Drafts Available)

Romero, Isaac., Worthen, Meredith G.F., and Leverso, John. "Internet Gang Banging and Latino Masculinity on Facebook."

Romero, Isaac. "Personal Identity and Sociopolitical Involvement: A Comparative Study Between Black, Latine, and Asian/Pacific Islander LGBT+ People."

Awards and Grants

2026-2030 **Graduate Teaching Assistantship & Tuition Waiver** (Annually $20,600)
Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma

2025-2026 **Graduate Teaching Assistantship & Tuition Waiver** (Annually $20,600)
Department of Psychology, University of Oklahoma

2023- 2025 **Graduate Teaching Assistantship & Tuition Waiver** (Annually $15,000)
Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma

2023 **Louis Strokes Alliance for Minority Participation Grant** (Award $18,000)
Department of Psychology, The University of Texas at El Paso

Research Experience

Graduate Research Assistant
University of Oklahoma
Department of Sociology
Social Justice Activism (SoJAC) Research Lab
January 2026
Advisor Meredith Worthen, Ph.D.

Master's Thesis
University of Oklahoma
Department of Sociology
April 2025
"Voces Silenciadas, Mentes Resilientes: The Psychological Distress of Lifetime Adversities on Latine LGBQ+ Lives"
Advisor Meredith Worthen, Ph.D.

Louis Strokes Alliance for Minority Participation (LSAMP) Fellowship
University of Texas at El Paso
Department of Psychology
January 2023-July 2023
"Fear of Police among Latine Communities: An Examination of Viewing Media Reporting"
Advisor Jennifer Eno Louden, Ph.D.

Undergraduate Research Assistant
University of Texas at El Paso
Department of Psychology
Mental Health and Criminal Justice Lab
July 2019-April 2023

Supervisor Jennifer Eno Louden, Ph.D.

Teaching Experience

Department of Sociology & Psychology, The University of Oklahoma

2026 — *Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma*
Courses Taught:
- Social Problems

2025-2026 — *Department of Psychology, University of Oklahoma*
Courses Taught:
- Understanding Statistics (1 semester)
- Research Methods & Lab (1 semester)

2023-2025 — *Department of Sociology, University of Oklahoma*
Courses Assisted:
- Intro to Sociology (2 semesters)
- World Religions (1 semester)
- Family of Sociology (1 semester)
- Sexual Deviance in Society (2 semesters)
- Queer Criminology (1 semester)
- Criminology (1 semester)

Department & University Experience

2025-present — **Women's & Gender Studies Graduate Student Senate**
The Graduate College, University of Oklahoma

2024-present — **Community Outreach Director**
LGBTQ Research & Engagement Collective, University of Oklahoma
Organized mini conference for interdisciplinary student research

Presentations

- **Romero, I.,** & Worthen, M. (November 2025). "Voces Silenciadas, Mentes Resilientes: The Psychological Distress of Lifetime Adversities on Latine LGBQ+ Lives". Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, Washington D.C.

- **Romero, I.,** & Worthen, M. (November 2024). "Fear of Police among Latine Communities: An Examination of Viewing Media Reporting." Poster presented at the annual meeting of the American Society of Criminology, San Francisco, CA.
- **Romero, I.,** Eno Louden, J., & Curry, T. (March 2023). "Assessing the Relationships between criminogenic risk factors and perceived social support among US-born, documented immigrants, and undocumented immigrants." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Philadelphia, PA.
- Eno Louden, J., Hernandez, B., Torres-Rivera, V., Garcia, A., **Romero, I.,** Torres, M., Martinez, A., Vaudreil, E. (March 2023). "Understanding crime on the US-Mexico border: Assessing criminogenic risk for US-born citizens and people who have immigrated." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Philadelphia, PA.
- Eno Louden, J., Adair, R., **Romero, I.,** Rioja, V. (March 2023). "Cross-cultural fairness in mental health screens used in correctional settings: A critical review." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Philadelphia, PA.
- Vaudreuil, E., Eno Louden, E., Rubio, J., Hernandez, D., **Romero, I.,** Garcia, A. (March 2023). "Mental Illness Labeling in Justice-Involved People." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Philadelphia, PA.
- Torres, M., Hernandez, B., **Romero, I.,** Eno Louden, J., Curry, T. (March 2023). "Victimization experiences of justice-involved U.S. citizens and immigrants." Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, Philadelphia, PA.
- Vaudreuil, E., **Romero, I.,** Eno Louden, J. (March 2020). "Juvenile Mental Health Symptoms and Offending a Low-Risk Population". Paper presented at the annual meeting of the American Psychology-Law Society, New Orleans, LA.

Certification

- Level of Service / Case Management Inventory (LS/CMI)

Professional Affiliation

2026-present	ASA Section on Latina/Latino Sociology *Member*
2026-present	American Sociological Association (ASA) *Member*
2025-present	ASC Division of Queer Criminology *Member*
2024-present	American Society of Criminology (ASC) *Member*

Research Skills

Software Proficiency: STATA (expert), SPSS (expert), NVivo (proficient)
Data: Generations: A study of the life and health of LGB in changing society, 2016-2019, 2010 Social Justice Sexuality project.

Languages

- Spanish: Heritage Speaker

References

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